(a) whether it is a fact that the water being supplied to the Capital during the last one year is contaminated and is injurious to health;

(b) whether it is also a fact that according to the various tests conducted by Government, this is due to the mixing of adulterated alum supplied by a firm from Gujarat; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard and what action has been taken against this company for supplying adulterated alum?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) No alum has been purchased from any firm from Gujarat.

Payment of Fair Market Price for Acquired Land

*369. SHRI SHANKARRAO NARAYANRAO DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the farmers whose lands are taken over under the Urban Land (Ceiling and Regulation) Act, 1976 are not being paid the fair market price prevailing at the time of taking over of the lands;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the farmers are given negotiable bonds for 75 per cent of the price of the lands and, the bonds, are redeemable after the expiry of 20 years; and

(c) whether the guidelines issued by Government for exemption to Agricultural lands under the Urban Land (Ceiling and Regulation) Act 1976 are followed by the States/Union Territories where this Act is applicable?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) Amount for the vacant land acquired under the Urban Land (Ceiling and Regulation) Act, 1976 is paid in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Act which prescribe different rates in respect of vacant land from which there is any income and vacant land from which no income is derived.

(b) The relevant provisions of the Urban Land (Ceiling and Regulation) Act, 1976 provide for payment of twenty five per cent of the amount or twenty five thousand rupees, whichever is less, in cash and the balance in negotiable bonds redeemable after the expiry of twenty years, carrying an interest at the rate of 5 per cent per annum with effect from the date on which the vacant land is deemed to have been acquired by the State Government.

(c) The guidelines issued by the Government of India are recommendatory in nature. Individual cases are decided by the State Governments/Union Territories on merit.

Drought Affected Areas of Uttar Pradesh

*370. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
DR. C. SILVERA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that effective relief measures for the drought affected people in most of Uttar Pradesh could not be taken up as the Central Government have not released the grants for the purpose;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Chief Minister of Uttar Pardesh has approached the Central Government for an additional grant of Rs. 100 crores for relief measures;

(c) if so, when was the request received and what action has been taken by Government in this regard; and

(d) whether any central team has visited the drought affected areas of